

Families First in Numbers

Updated with Information from March 2004

Current number of Assistance Groups: 73,590

Current number of adults: 56,721

Current number of children: 138,751

Assistance Groups prior to Families First (August, 1996): 91,499

Current number of child only cases: 18,250

Closures in March:

total closures: 3587

closures for 18 month time limits: 115

closures for sanctions: 702

work-related sanctions: 693

other sanctions: 9

closures for employment: 885

Time limit closures since Families First started: 9,108

Current number of Assistance Groups with a working adult: 11,396

Average monthly wage of employed participants: \$648.35

Average monthly cash benefit for participating families: \$169.60

Re-entry rate of Families First participants: 32.8% of cases which close re-enter the program (after an absence of more than two months) at some point during the next 55 months.

The number of families served by the program between September 1996 and now exceeds 200,000.